

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 9, and ending on page 1, line 17, as follows:

The present application hereby incorporates by reference in its entirety U.S. patent application Ser. No. [[\_\_\_\_\_]] 10/613,423, entitled "Distillation of a Fischer-Tropsch Derived Hydrocarbon Stream ~~Prior to Hydroprocessing~~," by Richard O. Moore, Jr., Donald L. Kuehne, and Richard E. Hoffer; U.S. patent application Ser. No. [[\_\_\_\_\_]] 10/613,422, entitled "Acid Treatment of a Fischer-Tropsch Derived Hydrocarbon Stream," by Lucy M. Bull, William Schinski, Donald L. Kuehne, Rudi Heydenrich, and Richard O. Moore, Jr.; and U.S. patent application Ser. No. [[\_\_\_\_\_]] 10/613,421, entitled "Ion Exchange Methods of Treating a Fischer-Tropsch Derived Hydrocarbon Stream," by Lucy M. Bull and Donald L. Kuehne.